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1. It is reported that Peruvian Senator Luis A. Flores, leader of the Union Revolucionaria (UR), was called to the Presidential Palace on 29 January and offered the Ambassadorship to Italy by Odría. Flores stated that Odría said he would have liked to offer him the post in Buenos Aires, but that he had received a personal letter from Peron requesting that a military officer be sent as Peruvian Ambassador to Argentina.
2. Flores further stated that when questioned regarding elections, Odría stated that they would not be held before 1950, since he believed that APRA was still strong and that any early election would return many Apristas in disguise. In any event, Odría promised that Flores would be recalled from Rome six months before elections so that he might guide the UR's electoral campaign. Flores asked for time to consult his friends and confer with party leaders, and Odría agreed.
3. Flores then conferred with UR leaders and with Lt. Col. Llosa. Llosa believed that Flores should accept and assured him that there was no danger for him or his party while Llosa was in the government. Flores has reported that Llosa promised to look out for the welfare of the UR while Flores was absent.
4. The majority of UR leaders and friends consulted, including Llosa, Marcial Merino, Dr. Ernesto Delgado, Dr. Ernesto Byrne, Dr. Enrique Barbosa, Dr. Celestino Manchego, and Dr. Alejandro Mendoza, agreed that Flores should go. Others suggested that this was merely a trick of Odría's to get him out of the country in view of the recent rapprochement between Llosa and the UR. Flores stated that he had complete confidence in the word of Llosa and Merino, but that he wanted more time to consider the offer. He believed he should not leave the country until the political situation had become clarified.

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